

going to support some modification of this bill. I hope the President will sign the bill in the original form as it passed the House. That is the toughest bill we are going to have. If he cannot, I hope he will at least give us a very tough alternative so we can send Castro a unified message, and I know my colleague wants to do that, that this country stands together in opposing the human rights violations and the travesty that happened down there last weekend.

I want to thank my colleague once again for his leadership.

Mr. DEUTSCH. I see my colleague from Florida, the first Cuban-American to be a Member of the U.S. Congress, the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN], is on the floor. Another colleague of ours, the gentleman from California [Mr. LANTOS], who is actually a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, who in an official capacity, not spending any money but going through the U.S. intervention, as opposed to other people who visited that country, visited that country and met with dissidents, people tortured. This is a man who lived through the pre-Holocaust and actual Holocaust time, and described in Cuban, what is going on there, as bad as what was going on in Germany before the Holocaust.

So that is the reality of the situation on the ground 90 miles from our shore, 90 miles from my district, and we have the ability in this Chamber to change that. Hopefully by the end of this week we will take an important significant step and pass the Helms-Burton bill.

#### PROVIDING FREE AIR TIME TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an article in this morning's Washington Post. Although I cannot say that I have always agreed with Fox Broadcasting Co. Chairman Rupert Murdoch, I am delighted that he has endorsed the idea—my idea—of providing free TV time to political candidates.

Mr. Murdoch has announced that he will give Presidential candidates free air time this fall. Last year, I introduced legislation to provide candidates this kind of access to our airways, and, to give voters a truer picture of the candidates.

Due to obfuscating and expensive political commercials, voters rarely witness what candidates truly stand for. The time has come to even the playing field and provide a mechanism to rid our airways of manipulative advertising campaigns, and return elections to the voters.

Mr. Murdoch has challenged his competitors to provide free TV time. I am challenging my colleagues to cosponsor my bill to ensure that broadcasters provide free TV time.

#### IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, everyone is talking about how on the campaign trail people are all talking about jobs, so I would like to address this issue of jobs today in a rational and forthright way.

According to futurist John Naisbitt, three industries will drive the global economy of the 21st century. They are telecommunications, information technology, and travel, tourism.

Rarely does a nation get the chance that we have now to reassess and to restructure our public policy approach to an industry that is slated to be a force of the future. Following the recommendations of the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism which took place here in Washington last October, we now have that chance to reshape our approach and our economic future with this monumental industry.

You have heard the statistics before on travel and tourism. Did you know that travel and tourism employs 204 million people worldwide? That is almost as many people as we have living in the United States, minus California. That equals 10 percent of the global work force. One out of every 10 people around the world works in travel and tourism.

In the United States alone, travel and tourism accounts for 1 out of every 9 jobs here in America. Tourism produces \$655 billion in tax revenue. More than 10 percent of all capital investment worldwide goes into travel and tourism. Maybe that is why travel and tourism is growing 23 percent faster than the world economy.

America needs a bold agenda for change, change not only in the way we do business, but in the new way that we look at the world.

Consider for a moment that the single largest global revenue producer for individuals and governments, travel and tourism, has recently been cut from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Just totally cut it out, yet it is the No. 1 industry in America for jobs.

Mr. Speaker, America needs a contingency plan. The Travel and Tourism Partnership Act is that plan. This plan allows the United States to compete globally for tourism dollars against other countries like Canada, Germany, Spain, and Australia, who are very sophisticated in this area and are taking these foreign tourists and therefore these foreign dollars from us.

Even small countries like Malaysia and Tunisia have been spending more on travel and tourism year after year than we have. Now with the closing of the USTTA, U.S. tourism promotion efforts have dropped to zero. Let me repeat that, zero dollars. Anyone who tells you that this is not going to cost American jobs is wrong, dead wrong. It is going to cost us a lot of jobs. In the

next 5 years, there will be an increase, an increase, of 50 million travelers worldwide. This represents thousands upon thousands of jobs in America and billions and billions of dollars.

So when people talk to you about what is taking place on the Presidential campaign trail today, people talking about jobs, talk to them about travel and tourism, because this is where the jobs will be in the 1990's and the 21st century. This can mean tens of thousands of new jobs for American workers, but it is not going to happen if we in Congress do not have the foresight and take advantage of this remarkable opportunity.

That is why, as chairman of the 304-member Travel and Tourist Caucus, the largest in Congress, I introduced the Travel and Tourism Partnership Act. This act sets forth a complete new approach to marketing the United States as a foreign destination. Rather than just another government-run program, my bill designs a partnership between the tourism industry and the public sector, a device to carry out a more effective marketing plan so we can have jobs and dollars in this country.

This plan is vital to the United States. This is a job creating bill. Virtually all over the world, and particularly in the United States, travel and tourism is the predominant industry for jobs that our people need. With all this potential, the United States is losing its market share to travel and tourism in a growing world market. We must stop this trend.

That is why I am on the floor today, to ask you for your help, so that you can say you have done something constructive to promote jobs, private enterprise jobs, right here in America.

This act reflects the recommendation of some 1,700 sophisticated travel and tourist leaders, as well as local, State, and regional tourism officials who participated in the White House conference. By developing this partnership plan, we can create jobs here in America, keep our main streets alive, and pump new tourism dollars into our local economies. With one out of every nine American workers employed by travel and tourism, we cannot afford not to take action. Travel and tourism is the hidden giant in the U.S. economy.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for bold ideas in America, and it is time to chart a course for the future. I urge all of my colleagues to join 172 members who have already cosponsored the Travel and Tourism Partnership Act. We must act, and we must act today. Join us and get involved in this blockbuster industry of the 1990's and the 21st century.

#### RESPONDING TO A DISASTER IN POOLVILLE, TX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas, Mr. PETE GEREN, is recognized for 5 minutes.